1	2	3
5.	Gujarat	26
6.	Himachal Pradesh	32
7.	Haryana	33
8.	Jharkhand	22
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	25
10.	Kerala	37
11.	Karnataka	43
12.	Maharashtra	45
13.	Madhya Pradesh	48
14.	Manipur-Tripura	43
15.	Nagaland	10
16.	Orissa	25
17.	Punjab	19
18.	Rajasthan	36
19.	Sikkim	5
20.	Tamil Nadu	42
21.	Uttaranchal	14
22.	Uttar Pradesh	77
23.	AGMUT	51
24.	West Bengal	41
	TOTAL:	837

Change of headquarters of suspended employees

2020. SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Headquarters of employees placed under suspension can be changed even when his/her spouse is also an employee of the same department and is posted there only;

(b) if so, the relevant provisions; and

(c) whether change of Headquarters of suspended employees can be resorted to if the employees are victims of Bhopal Gas Tragedy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMTI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The existing instructions in the matter provide as follows:—

"An officer under suspension is regarded as subject to all other conditions of service applicable generally to Government servants and cannot leave the station without prior permission. As such the headquarters of a Government servant should normally be assumed to be his last place of duty. However, where an individual under suspension requests for a change of headquarters, there is no objection to a competent authority changing the headquarters if it is satisfied that such a course will not put Government to any expenditure like grant of T.A. etc. or other complication."

Stagnation in CSS

2021. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that officers with more than 20 years of regular service as Section Officer in the Central Secretariat Service are yet to be appointed as Under Secretary on regular basis;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Brahma Committee constituted to suggest measures for removing stagnation in CSS has taken into consideration the recommendations made by the Standing Committee of the Parliament on Home Affairs in this regard; and

(d) if so, the recommendations incorporated or being accepted by Brahma Committee and those ignored with reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Promotion of Section Officers (SOs) in the Central Secretariat Services (CSS) to the grade of Under Secretary (US) have got delayed owing, *inter alia*, to protracted litigation in the CAT, Principal Bench as well as in the Supreme Court over the issue of *inter se* seniority of direct recruits and promotee SOs. As a result, the regular Grade-I (US) panels of CSS could not be finalized after 1986. The issue was finally settled by the Supreme Court through their order dated 09.05.1997,